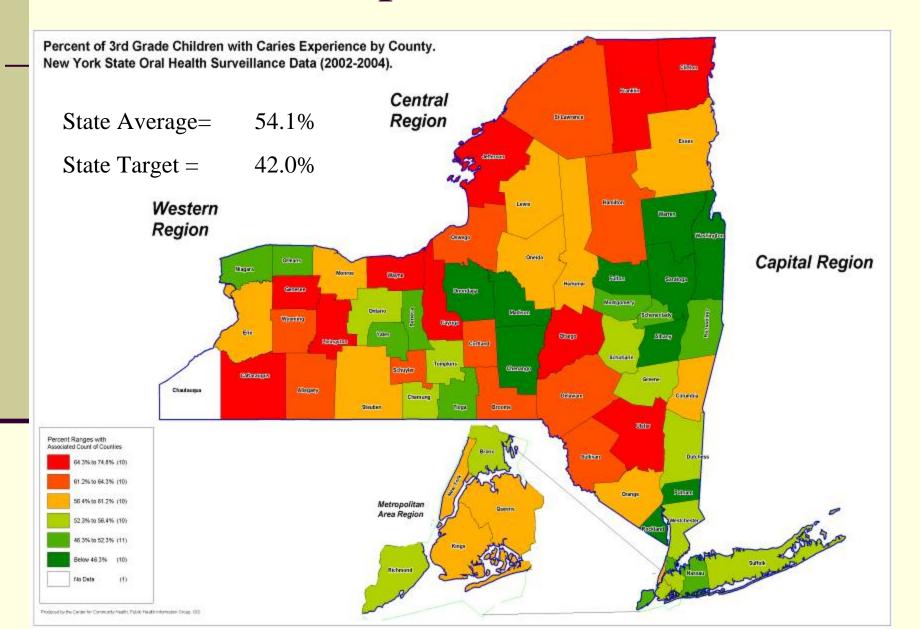
# Oral Health in New York State Children

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## Dental caries prevalence



### Disparities in Dental Caries by Income: Survey of 3rd grade children in New York



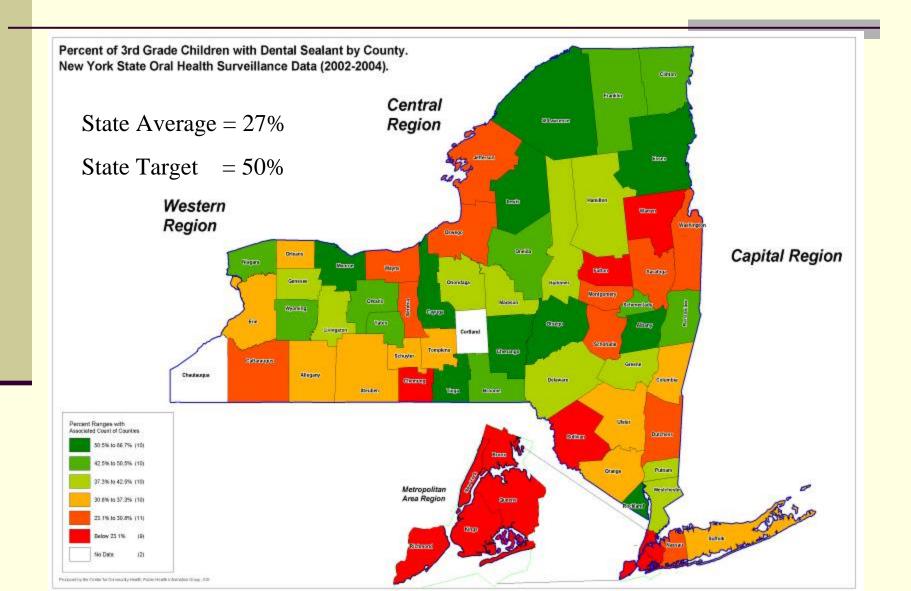
#### **Untreated Caries (%)**

80 59.6 54.1 48.0 42.0 40.8 40 33.1 23.1 20.0 **HP 2010** ΑII High HP 2010 ΑII High Low Low children children Income Income Income Income

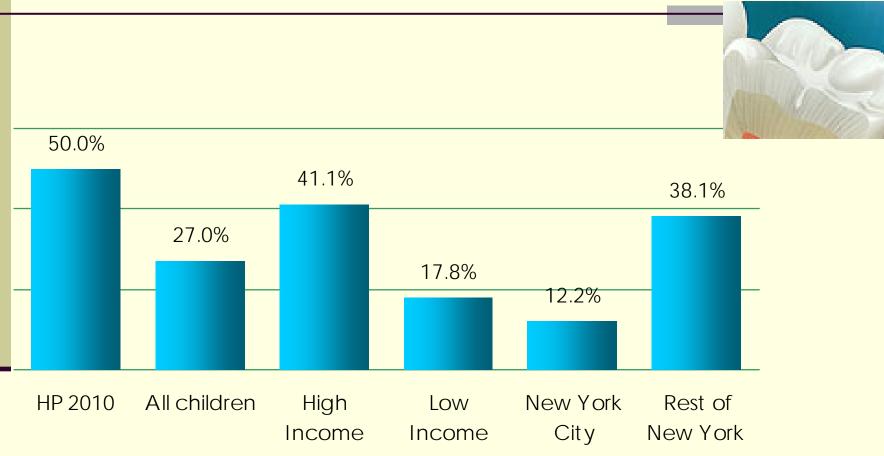
Note: Low-income children were those who reported participating in the free or reduced school lunch program



#### Dental Sealant Prevalence



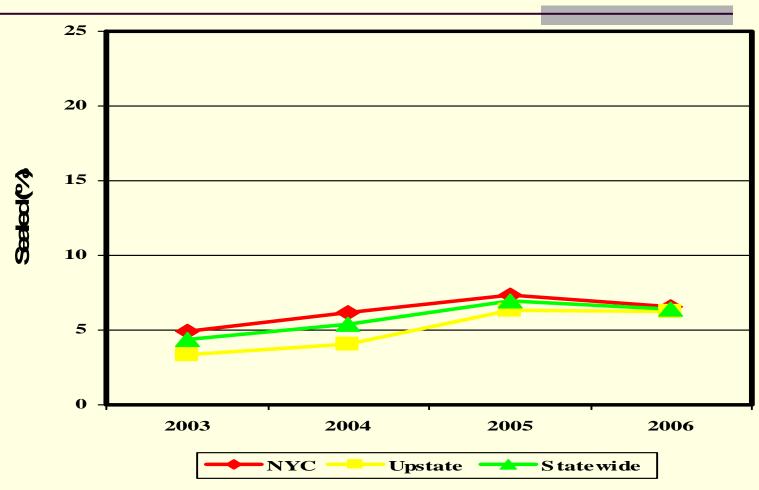
# Variation in the prevalence of dental sealants in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade children in New York State





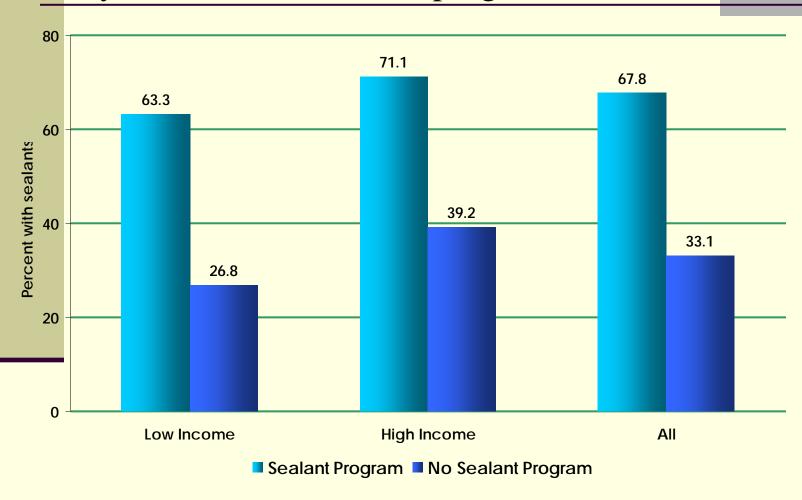
Source: New York State Oral Health Surveillance System, 2002-2004.

Percent of 8-9 year old children receiving Dental Sealants under the NYS Medicaid Program by region and year.



Source: New York State Medicaid Program

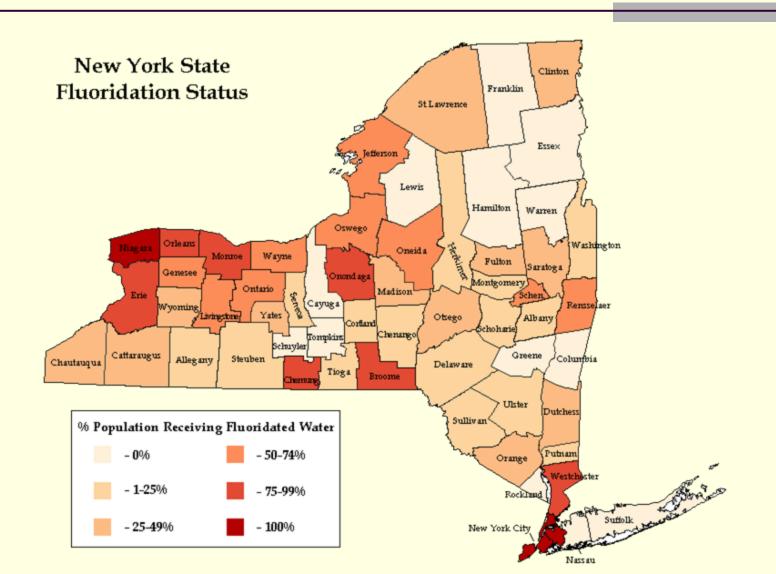
School-based Programs Work: Percent of 3rd grade children with a dental sealant (*excluding New York City*) by school-based sealant program and income status



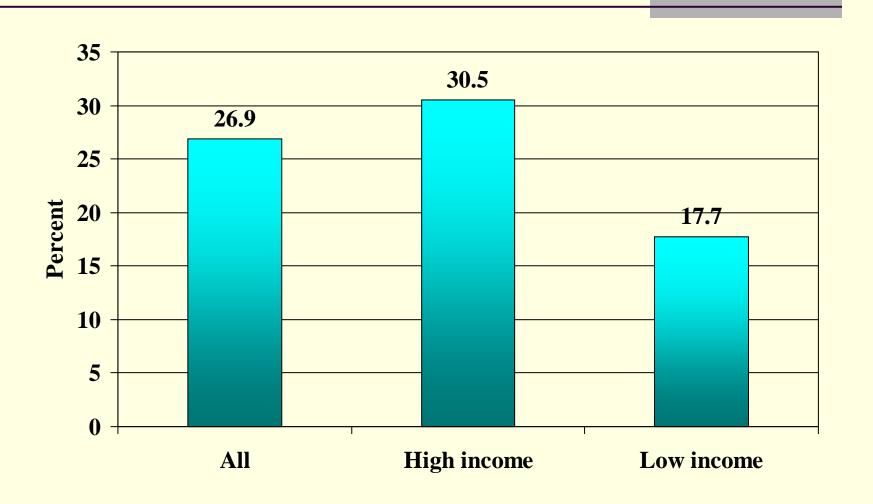


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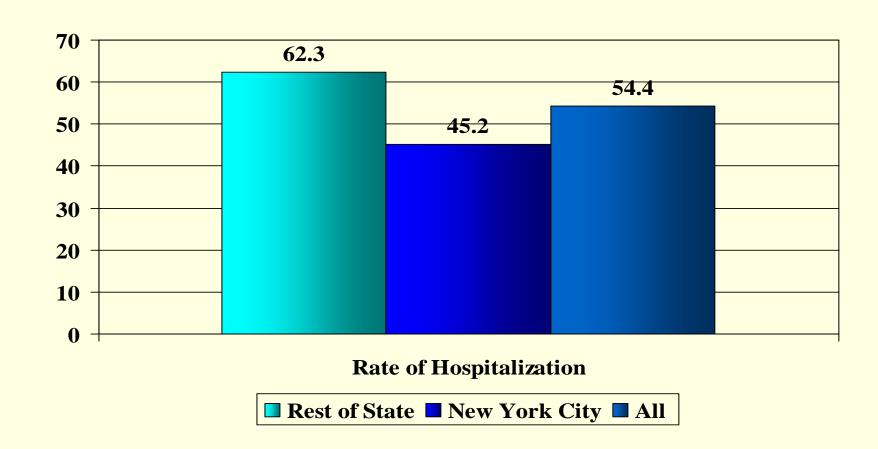
#### Fluoridated and Non-fluoridated areas



Percent of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade with reported history of fluoride tablet use by income. NYSOHSS 2002-2004

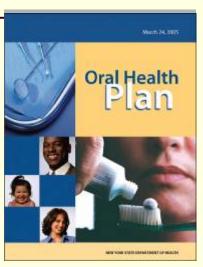


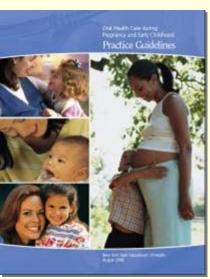
Inpatient and Outpatient Hospitalization Rates per 10,000 for Caries in 3-5 year old children (3997 children discharged in 2005)



#### Data in Action

- Community Health Assessment
- State Oral Health Plan
- Grant writing
- National Oral Health Surveillance System





## Changes

- Focus on fluoridation and dental sealants
  - Steps taken to increase dental sealant use
    - School-based programs
    - Shift in focus from treatment to prevention
    - Exploring an approach for a social marketing campaign

## Changes

- Law to promote Dental Health Certificates in schools
- Focus on intervention early: Promotion of Guidelines for Dental Care during Pregnancy and Early Childhood
- Opportunities to form regional oral health networks

## Challenges and Opportunities

- Difficult to collect prevalence data especially in older children at the local level
- School dental health certificates may allow us to gather data
- Medicaid and Managed Care utilization reports may be expanded to include more indicators
- Electronic records may present some opportunities

## Thank you

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